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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disconnection of retail electric service on certain days of the week.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 182, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. CUSTOMER SAFEGUARDS DURING DISCONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICE

Sec. 182.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

(2) "Electric provider" means a public or private entity that provides retail electric service in this state. The term includes a municipally owned utility, electric cooperative, retail electric provider, and electric utility.

Sec. 182.152. DISCONNECTION PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DAYS. An electric provider may not disconnect service to a residential customer on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Federally declared holiday, the day before the Federally declared holiday, or after 3:00 pm on any calendar day.

Sec. 182.153. ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS. (a) The customer safeguards provided by this subchapter are in addition to safeguards provided by other law, including Section 39.101 and commission rules.

1        (b) This subchapter does not prohibit a municipality, an  
2 electric cooperative, or the commission from adopting customer  
3 safeguards that exceed the safeguards provided by this subchapter.

4        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.